Chittal skins	7
Fox skins	8
Otter skins	128
Tiger cubs skins	2
Leopard cat skins	7
Black buck skins	6
Civet cat skins	2
Desert cat skins	2
Jackal skins	1
Leopard paws with claws	50
Fur coat of otter	1

News item under caption 'Doon's Liquor Mafia liquidates green lung"

632. SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU:

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE;

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express of 1st September, 1993 captioned, "Doon's liquor mafia liquidates green lung";

(b) if so, what steps have been taken and what directions issued by Government for preventing indiscriminate denudation of forests and felling of fees by mafia in connivarce with Forest Depit. personnel in different States and Union Territories; and

(c) what is Government's assessment about deforestation caused by such activities during the, decade 1981—90 and 1991—93 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India have been forwarding all the complaints received from public relating to illict felling of trees and theft of forest produce to the concerned Governments of the States/Union Territories for enquiry and necessary addon. Where allegations of connivance of the personnel of forest department is made action has to be taken by the concerned State/UT Governments after due enquiry. Central assistance is provided to the Government of States/UTs under the scheme "Development of Infrastructure for Forest Prctection" for procuring communication and other[1] necessary equipments for effective protection of forests.

(c) The protection of forests is primarily the responsibility of the States/UTs. But assessment conducted by Forest Survey of India based on satellite imageries shows a net increase of 56,000 hectares in the forest area in 1898 over the 1987 assessment

Eucalyptus Plantation Project

633. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a; whether Government are considering for holding an enquiry with regard to the Eucalyptus plantation project in